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Claims

*(original)*

1. A discussion unit (10) for use in a conference system, wherein the discussion unit (10) is adapted to be connected to at least one second discussion unit (10), wherein the discussion unit (10) comprises an essentially closed casing (410) and at least one exchangeable portion (420), wherein the at least one exchangeable portion (420) is removably mounted to the casing (410).

*(original)*

2. The discussion unit (10) according to the preceding claim, wherein the exchangeable portion (420) at least partially covers at least one outside part (424, 412) of the casing (410).

*(currently amended)*

3. The discussion unit (10) according to one of the two the preceding claims, claim 1, wherein the at least one exchangeable portion (420) comprises at least one rim (422), preferably a closed rim (422).

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*(currently amended)*claim 1

4. The discussion unit (10) according to the preceding claim, wherein the rim (422) covers at least one edge portion (424) of the discussion unit (10).

*(currently amended)*claim 1

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5. The discussion unit (10) according to one of the two preceding claims, wherein the casing (410) comprises at least one operating panel (412), the operating panel (412) having at least one panel base (414) and at least one operating element (416), wherein the panel base (414) is at least partially surrounded by the rim (422).

*(currently amended)*claim 1

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6. The discussion unit (10) according to one of the preceding claims, wherein the at least one exchangeable portion (420) is mounted to the casing (410) by at least one

interconnection (426), the at least one interconnection (426) comprising at least one of the following: a form-fit interconnection; a force-fit interconnection (426), preferably a snap-on mounting and/or a snap-hook (428) and/or a catch (438).

*(Currently amended)*

claim 1

5 7. The discussion unit (10) according to ~~the preceding claim~~, wherein the casing (410) comprises at least one first section (452) and at least one second section (454), the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) being adapted to be attached to each other, wherein the at least one interconnection (426) is inaccessible from the outside of the casing (410) when the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) are attached to each other.

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8. The discussion unit (10) according to ~~the preceding claim~~; wherein the at least one first section (452) and the at least one second section (454) are adapted to be attached to each other by means of screwing.

15 9. An exchangeable portion (420) adapted to be used as the at least one exchangeable portion (420) in a discussion unit (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~. claim 1

*(Currently amended)*

20 10. A set of exchangeable portions (420), the set comprising at least two exchangeable portions (420) according to ~~the preceding claim~~, wherein at least two of the exchangeable portions (420) differ with regard to color and/or material.

*(Currently amended)*

25 11. A conference system comprising at least two discussion units (10) according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ referring to a discussion unit (10).